

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5-5-2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-20 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant's argument filed on 05-05-2006 is convincing. As argued by the applicant on pages 7-8, the uniquely distinct features a method of driving a liquid crystal display, comprising registering a plurality of modulated data in a look-up table;
deriving a modulated data band including one modulated data having a gray scale approximately corresponding to a gray scale value of source data from the plurality of the modulated data and other modulated data adjacent to the one modulated data in horizontal and vertical directions within the look-up table; and carrying out first and second approximations based on the modulated data band to derive an approximate modulated data not registered in the look-up table, thereby modulating the source data using the approximate modulated data as claimed in Claim 1 not shown or suggested by the prior arts Tanaka et al (6,700,559 B1).
3. Applicant's argument filed on 05-05-2006 is convincing. As argued by the applicant on pages 7-8, the uniquely distinct features the driving apparatus for driving a liquid crystal display, comprising **a look-up table having a plurality of registered modulated data and deriving a modulated data band including one modulated data having a gray scale approximately corresponding to a gray scale value of source data and other modulated data adjacent to the one modulated**

data in horizontal and vertical directions within the look-up table; and a modulator approximating in the horizontal and vertical directions within the modulated data band to derive an approximate modulated data not registered in the look-up table, thereby modulating the source data using the approximate modulated data is as claimed in Claim 6 not shown or suggested by the prior arts Tanaka et al (6,700,559 B1).

4. The prior arts Tanaka et al (6,700,559 B1) fails to recite or disclose the uniquely distinct features, the liquid crystal display, comprising: a liquid crystal display panel displaying images; a look-up table having a plurality of registered modulated data and deriving a modulated data band including one modulated data having a gray scale approximately corresponding to a gray scale value of source data and other modulated data adjacent to the one modulated data in horizontal and vertical directions within the look-up table; and a modulator approximating in the horizontal and vertical directions within the modulated data band to derive an approximate modulated data not registered in the look-up table, thereby modulating the source data using the approximated modulated data as claimed in Claim 15.

The closest prior art, Tanaka et al (6,700,559 B1), either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above bold and underlined limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is (571) 272-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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